## Assembly Bill No. 1472

## CHAPTER 826

An act to amend Sections 225, 6388.5, 10752, 10753.1, 10753.2, and 10753.9 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to amend Sections 4000.6, 4004, 4150.1, 4452, 4458, 5011, 5014.1, 5017, 5101, 5301, 5902, 9250.7, 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, 9250.19, 9400, 9400.1, 9407, 9408, 9700, and 9706 of, to add Section 9400.3 to, and to repeal Section 666 of, the Vehicle Code, and to amend Section 59 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, relating to vehicles.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1472, Longville. Vehicles: commercial vehicle registration.

(1) Under existing law a trailer or semitrailer that has a valid identification plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles is exempt from personal property taxation under the Revenue and Taxation Code

This bill would include logging dollies, pole or pipe dollies, and trailer buses that have been issued valid identification plates and any auxiliary dolly or tow dolly within those listed vehicles that are exempt from personal property taxation.

This bill would specify that the exemption does not apply to a logging dolly that is used exclusively off-highway.

The bill would make cross-reference changes in related provisions.

(2) Existing law exempts from the Sales and Use Tax Law, new or remanufactured trailers or semitrailers with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or more and, among other things, is purchased for use without this state, if the purchaser furnishes certain documents to the manufacturer, remanufacturer, or dealer, including a written evidence of an out-of-state license and registration for that vehicle.

This bill would, for purposes of the above exemption, allow the purchaser's agent to furnish the necessary documents, and allow for the purchaser's or lessee's United States Department of Transportation number or Single State Registration System filing as a substitute to the above described written evidence if the vehicle is licensed under the permanent trailer identification plate program, and is used exclusively in interstate or foreign commerce, or both.

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(3) Existing law requires any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight that exceeds 10,000 pounds to be registered, as specified.

This bill would clarify that the declared gross vehicle weight threshold includes declared combined gross vehicle weight.

(4) Existing law provides that a temporary registration or trip permit issued to a commercial motor vehicle shall include the diesel fuel permit number issued by the State Board of Equalization.

This bill would delete that requirement.

(5) Under existing law, an application for the original registration of a commercial motor vehicle is required to include a declaration, made by the owner to the Department of Motor Vehicles upon the appropriate form furnished by the department, that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier safety regulations adopted by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

This bill would delete that requirement.

(6) Existing law requires that every piece of special construction equipment, special mobile equipment, cemetery equipment, every tow dolly, trailer, semitrailer, and every logging vehicle display an identification plate, as specified.

This bill would delete an obsolete date in those provisions.

(7) Existing law provides, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, that specified provisions apply, including that specified trailers be assigned a permanent identification plate and be assessed a service fee in an amount sufficient to pay at least the actual costs to the Department of Motor Vehicles, but not to exceed \$20.

This bill would allow a permanent trailer identification sticker to be affixed in lieu of an identification plate, and would make conforming changes.

(8) Under existing law, an application for a transfer of registration of a commercial motor vehicle is required to include a declaration, that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier safety regulations adopted by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

This bill would delete this requirement.

(9) Under the permanent trailer identification plate program, in addition to any other registration fee, scheduled fees are required to be paid to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the registration of commercial motor vehicles. Existing law requires the department to file monthly with the Controller a report of money received by the department covering all fees received by the department. The Treasurer, in turn, under existing law, is required to deposit all moneys so reported and remitted in the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation

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Fund, into which is merged the Motor Vehicle Account in the Transportation Tax Fund.

This bill would require, of the moneys collected by the department for the registration of commercial motor vehicles, \$82 for each initial, original, and renewal registration, to be reported monthly to the Controller, and at the same time, deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund, and the other moneys collected by the department for the registration of commercial motor vehicles to be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund.

The bill would prohibit the department from assessing a Cargo Theft Interdiction Program fee upon any commercial motor vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight of less than 10,001 pounds.

The bill would require the department to issue refunds of, or credits for, any Cargo Theft Interdiction Program fee that is assessed upon a vehicle that does not meet specified minimum weights or is a pickup truck or an electric vehicle.

(10) Under existing law, on or before January 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the Board of Equalization, and the commercial vehicle industry, is required to review and report to the Legislature and make recommendations regarding the fee schedule for commercial motor vehicles.

This bill would require the above to occur on or before July 1, 2003.

- (11) The bill would also make various technical, conforming, and clarifying changes to the permanent trailer identification plate program and related statutes.
- (12) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code proposed by SB 290, to be operative only if SB 290 and this bill are both enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, and this bill is enacted last.
- (13) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code proposed by SB 106, to be operative only if SB 106 and this bill are both enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, and this bill is enacted last.
- (14) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code proposed by SB 290, to be operative only if SB 290 and this bill are both enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, and this bill is enacted last.
- (15) This bill would make related changes, contingent on the enactment of SB 290.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

## SECTION 1. Legislative findings and declarations:

- (a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is necessary to convert California's system of commercial vehicle registration from an unladen weight system to a gross vehicle weight system and to initiate a permanent trailer identification program. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that this conversion be revenue neutral to all cities and counties and all unladen weight fee system recipients.
- (b) For the purposes of this act, "revenue neutrality" requires that all recipients of the fees collected under the system in effect on December 31, 2001, shall receive the same level of funding, with the same degree of flexibility, after the conversion to the system created by this act.
- SEC. 2. Section 225 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 225. (a) A trailer, semitrailer, logging dolly, pole or pipe dolly, or trailer bus, that has a valid identification plate issued to it pursuant to Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, or any auxiliary dolly or tow dolly is exempt from personal property taxation.
- (b) The exemption provided for in subdivision (a) does not apply to a logging dolly that is used exclusively off-highway.
- SEC. 2.5. Section 6388.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 6388.5. Notwithstanding Section 6388, whenever a new or remanufactured trailer or semitrailer with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or more that has been manufactured or remanufactured outside this state is purchased for use without this state and is delivered by the manufacturer, remanufacturer, or dealer to the purchaser within this state, and the purchaser drives or moves the vehicle to any point outside this state within 30 days from and after the date of delivery, or whenever a new or remanufactured trailer or semitrailer with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or more that has been manufactured or remanufactured in this state is purchased for use without this state and is delivered by the manufacturer, remanufacturer, or dealer to the purchaser within this state, and the purchaser drives or moves the vehicle to any point outside this state within 75 days from and after the date of delivery, there are exempted from the taxes imposed by Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001), Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200), and Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) the gross receipts from the sale of and the storage, use, or other consumption of the vehicle within the state, if the purchaser or the purchaser's agent furnishes the following to the manufacturer, remanufacturer, or dealer:

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- (a) (1) Written evidence of an out-of-state license and registration for the vehicle.
- (2) In cases where the vehicle is subject to the permanent trailer identification plate program under Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code and is used exclusively in interstate or foreign commerce, or both, written evidence of the purchaser's or lessee's United States Department of Transportation number or Single State Registration System filing may be substituted for the written evidence described in paragraph (1).
- (b) The purchaser's affidavit attesting that he or she purchased the vehicle from a dealer at a specified location for use exclusively outside this state, or exclusively in interstate or foreign commerce, or both.
- (c) The purchaser's affidavit that the vehicle has been moved or driven to a point outside this state within the appropriate period of either 30 days or 75 days of the date of the delivery of the vehicle to him or her.
- SEC. 3. Section 10752 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as amended by Section 6.8 of Chapter 861 of the statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 10752. The annual amount of the license fee for any vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, or a trailer coach that is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be a sum equal to 2 percent of the market value of the vehicle as determined by the department.
- SEC. 4. Section 10753.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 10753.1. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and, thereafter, a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration

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in this state, or the year the vehicle was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.

- (d) This section shall become operative on the first day of the month following the month in which the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified by the Department of Finance of a final judicial determination by the California Supreme Court or any California court of appeal of either of the following:
- (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 1991–92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- (2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes of 1982.
- SEC. 5. Section 10753.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 10753.2. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of a number of classes that will permit classification of all vehicles.

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- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year the vehicle was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 100 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 90 percent of that sum; for the third year, 80 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 60 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 50 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 40 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 25 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year, 20 percent of that sum; and for the 11th year and each succeeding year, 15 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.
- (d) This section shall cease to be operative on the first day of the month following the month in which the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified by the Department of Finance of a final judicial determination by the California Supreme Court or any California court of appeal of either of the following:
- (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 1991–92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- (2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes of 1982.
- SEC. 6. Section 10753.9 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 10753.9. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from

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fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.

- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a trailer or semitrailer, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year ownership of a used vehicle was sold or transferred to the current registered owner, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.
- (d) This section shall become operative and shall apply to both of the following:
- (1) Initial or original registration of any vehicle never before registered in this state for which fees become due on July 15, 1991, and on or before July 31, 1991.
- (2) Renewal of registration of any vehicle whose registration expires on or before July 31, 1991.
  - SEC. 7. Section 666 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.
  - SEC. 8. Section 4000.6 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 4000.6. Any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle or combined gross weight that exceeds 10,000 pounds shall be registered pursuant to Section 9400.1.
- (a) A person submitting an application for registration of a commercial motor vehicle operated in combination with a semitrailer, trailer, or any combination thereof, shall include the declared combined gross weight of all units when applying for registration with the department.

- (b) This section does not apply to pickups nor to any commercial motor vehicle or combination that does not exceed 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- (c) Any peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, having reason to believe that a motor vehicle, singly or in combination, is being operated in excess of its registered declared gross or combined gross vehicle weight, may require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection or weighing of the vehicle or vehicles and an inspection of registration documents.
- SEC. 8.5. Section 4000.6 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read: 4000.6. Any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross or combined gross vehicle weight that exceeds 10,000 pounds shall be registered pursuant to Section 9400.1.
- (a) A person submitting an application for registration of a commercial motor vehicle operated in combination with a semitrailer, trailer, or any combination thereof, shall include the declared combined gross weight of all units when applying for registration with the department, except as exempted under subdivision (a) of Section 9400.1.
- (b) This section does not apply to pickups nor to any commercial motor vehicle or combination that does not exceed 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- (c) Any peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, having reason to believe that a motor vehicle, singly or in combination, is being operated in excess of its registered declared gross or combined gross vehicle weight, may require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection or weighing of the vehicle or vehicles and an inspection of registration documents.
- SEC. 9. Section 4004 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 18 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 4004. (a) (1) Commercial motor vehicles meeting the registration requirements of a foreign jurisdiction, and subject to registration but not entitled to exemption from registration or licensing under any of the provisions of this code or any agreements, arrangements, or declarations made under Article 3 (commencing with Section 8000) of Chapter 4, may, as an alternate to registration, secure a temporary registration to operate in this state for a period of not to exceed 90 days, or a trip permit to operate in this state for a period of four consecutive days.
- (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single commercial motor vehicle for a period of not more than four consecutive days, commencing with the day of first use and three consecutive days

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thereafter. Every permit shall identify, as the department may require, the commercial motor vehicle for which it is issued. Each trip permit shall be completed prior to operation of the commercial motor vehicle on any highway in this state and shall be carried in the commercial motor vehicle to which it applies and shall be readily available for inspection by a peace officer. Each permit shall be valid at the time of inspection by a peace officer only if it has been completed as required by the department and has been placed in the appropriate receptacle as required by this section. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the provisions of this section.

- (b) The privilege of securing and using a trip permit or a temporary registration not to exceed 90 days shall not extend to the following:
- (1) Any vehicle which is based within this state and which is operated by a person having an established place of business within this state. For purposes of this paragraph, a commercial motor vehicle shall be considered to be based in this state if it is primarily operated or dispatched from or principally garaged or serviced or maintained at a site with an address within this state.
- (2) Vehicles registered in any jurisdiction with which the State of California does not have vehicle licensing reciprocity, unless the Reciprocity Commission extends the privilege, by rule, after hearing.
- (c) Any trailer or semitrailer identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 that enters the state without a currently valid license plate issued by California or another jurisdiction shall be immediately subject to full identification fees as specified in subdivision (e) of Section 5014.1.
- SEC. 10. Section 4150.1 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 19 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 4150.1. (a) On a form provided by the department, the registered owner of record, lessee, or the owner's designee shall certify and report the declared gross or combined gross vehicle weight of any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, in excess of 10,000 pounds.
  - (b) A single form may be used or referenced for multiple vehicles.
  - SEC. 11. Section 4452 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 4452. The department may issue a certificate of ownership to the legal owner of a vehicle without requiring registration, and may issue a facsimile copy of the certificate to the owner if there is no legal owner, the application is submitted in proper form, and one of the following conditions exist:
  - (a) The vehicle is registered pursuant to Section 5014.1.
- (b) A certification has been filed with the department, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4604, that the vehicle has not been driven, moved, or left standing upon any highway so as to require payment of

fees and that the owner will not thereafter permit that operation or movement of the vehicle or leave the vehicle standing on any highway without surrendering, or arranging to surrender, the certificate of ownership to the department and without first making an application for the regular registration of the vehicle and full payment of all fees required to be paid under this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

- SEC. 12. Section 4458 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 20 of Chapter 861 of the Statute of 2000, is amended to read:
- 4458. If both license plates or a permanent trailer identification plate are lost or stolen, the registered owner shall immediately notify a law enforcement agency, and shall immediately apply to the department for new plates in lieu of the plates stolen or lost. The department shall in every proper case, except in the case of plates which are exempt from fees, cause to be issued applicable license plates of a different number and assign the registration number to the vehicle for which the plates are issued.
  - SEC. 13. Section 5011 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 5011. Every piece of special construction equipment, special mobile equipment, cemetery equipment, trailer, semitrailer, and every logging vehicle shall display an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5014 or 5014.1.
  - SEC. 14. Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 5014.1. (a) Upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, the following applies:
- (1) All trailers will receive an identification certificate upon conversion to the permanent trailer identification program. The following trailers, except as provided in Section 5101, may be assigned a trailer identification plate by the department in accordance with this section or an election may be made to keep the current plate on the expiration date of registration:
  - (A) Logging dolly.
  - (B) Pole or pipe dolly.
  - (C) Semitrailer.
  - (D) Trailer.
  - (E) Trailer bus.
- (2) An auxiliary dolly or tow dolly may be assigned a permanent trailer identification plate.
- (3) Trailer coaches and park trailers, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code, are exempted from the permanent trailer identification plate program.
- (b) The permanent trailer identification plate shall be in a size and design as determined by the department.

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- (c) The permanent trailer identification plate and the permanent trailer identification certificate shall not expire as long as the appropriate fees have been paid.
- (d) Upon sale or transfer of the trailer or semitrailer, the assigned permanent trailer identification plate shall remain with the trailer or semitrailer for the life of the vehicle except as provided in Section 5101. Upon transfer of ownership, a new identification certificate shall be issued and the transferee shall pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7).
- (e) A service fee, sufficient to pay at least the entire actual costs to the department, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20) shall be assessed by the department upon converting to the permanent trailer identification program.
- (f) A fee of seven dollars (\$7) for substitute permanent trailer identification plates or certificates shall be charged.
- (g) All valid trailer and semitrailer license plates and registration indicia that were issued under this code prior to December 31, 2001, upon which is affixed a permanent trailer identification sticker issued by the department, may be displayed in lieu of a permanent trailer identification plate as described in Sections 5011 and 5014.
- (h) Every trailer that is submitted for original registration in this state shall be issued a permanent trailer identification plate and identification certificate.
- (i) A service fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be charged for each vehicle renewing identification plates pursuant to this section. These plates shall be renewed on the anniversary date of either the trailer plate expiration date or the date of issuance of the original permanent trailer identification plate, every five calendar years commencing December 31, 2006.
- SEC. 14.5. Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read: 5014.1. (a) Upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, the following applies:
- (1) All trailers, except in cases where the registrant has elected to apply for trailer identification plates pursuant to Section 5014 or the trailer is exempt from registration pursuant to Section 36100 or 36109, shall receive an identification certificate upon conversion to the permanent trailer identification program. The following trailers, except as provided in Section 5101, may be assigned a trailer identification plate by the department in accordance with this section or an election may be made to keep the current plate on the expiration date of registration:
  - (A) Logging dolly.
  - (B) Pole or pipe dolly.
  - (C) Semitrailer.

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- (D) Trailer.
- (E) Trailer bus.
- (2) An auxiliary dolly or tow dolly may be assigned a permanent trailer identification plate.
- (3) Trailer coaches and park trailers, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code, are exempted from the permanent trailer identification plate program.
- (b) The permanent trailer identification plate shall be in a size and design as determined by the department.
- (c) The permanent trailer identification plate and the permanent trailer identification certificate shall not expire as long as the appropriate fees have been paid.
- (d) Upon sale or transfer of the trailer or semitrailer, the assigned permanent trailer identification plate shall remain with the trailer or semitrailer for the life of the vehicle except as provided in Section 5101. Upon transfer of ownership, a new identification certificate shall be issued and the transferee shall pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7).
- (e) A service fee, sufficient to pay at least the entire actual costs to the department, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20) shall be assessed by the department upon converting to the permanent trailer identification program.
- (f) A fee of seven dollars (\$7) for substitute permanent trailer identification plates or certificates shall be charged.
- (g) All valid trailer and semitrailer license plates and registration indicia that were issued under this code prior to December 31, 2001, upon which is affixed a permanent trailer identification sticker issued by the department, may be displayed in lieu of a permanent trailer identification plate as described in Sections 5011 and 5014.
- (h) Every trailer that is submitted for original registration in this state shall be issued a permanent trailer identification plate and identification certificate.
- (i) A service fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be charged for each vehicle renewing identification plates pursuant to this section. These plates shall be renewed on the anniversary date of either the trailer plate expiration date or the date of issuance of the original permanent trailer identification plate, every five calendar years commencing December 31, 2006.
  - SEC. 15. Section 5017 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 5017. (a) Each identification plate issued under Section 5016 shall bear a distinctive number to identify the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry for which it is issued. The owner, upon being issued a plate, shall attach it to the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry for which it is issued and

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shall carry the identification certificate issued by the department as provided by Section 4454. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach or use the plate upon any other equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry. If the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry is destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person, the person to whom the plate was issued shall within 10 days notify the department, on a form approved by the department, that the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry has been destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person.

- (b) Upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, all trailers except those exempted in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 may be assigned a single permanent plate for identification purposes. Upon issuance of the plate, it shall be attached to the vehicle pursuant to Sections 5200 and 5201.
- (c) An identification certificate shall be issued for each trailer or semitrailer assigned an identification plate. The identification certificate shall contain upon its face, the date issued, the name and residence or business address of the registered owner or lessee and of the legal owner, if any, the vehicle identification number assigned to the trailer or semitrailer, and a description of the trailer or semitrailer as complete as that required in the application for registration of the trailer or semitrailer. For those trailers registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4 on the effective date of the act adding this sentence that are being converted to the permanent trailer identification program, the identification card may contain only the name of the registrant, and the legal owner's name is not required to be shown. Upon transfer of those trailers, the identification card shall contain the name of the owner and legal owner, if any. When an identification certificate, has been issued to a trailer or semitrailer, the owner or operator shall make that certificate available for inspection by a peace officer upon request.
- (d) The application for transfer of ownership of a vehicle with a trailer plate or permanent trailer identification plate shall be made within 10 days of sale of the vehicle. The permanent trailer identification certificate is not a certificate of ownership as described in Section 38076.

SEC. 15.5. Section 5017 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

5017. (a) Each identification plate issued under Section 5016 shall bear a distinctive number to identify the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry for which it is issued. The owner, upon being issued a plate, shall attach it to the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry for which it is issued and shall carry the identification certificate issued by the department as

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provided by Section 4454. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach or use the plate upon any other equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry. If the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry is destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person, the person to whom the plate was issued shall within 10 days notify the department, on a form approved by the department, that the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry has been destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person.

- (b) Upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, all trailers except those exempted in paragraph (1) and (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 may be assigned a single permanent plate for identification purposes. Upon issuance of the plate, it shall be attached to the vehicle pursuant to Sections 5200 and 5201.
- (c) An identification certificate shall be issued for each trailer or semitrailer assigned an identification plate. The identification certificate shall contain upon its face, the date issued, the name and residence or business address of the registered owner or lessee and of the legal owner, if any, the vehicle identification number assigned to the trailer or semitrailer, and a description of the trailer or semitrailer as complete as that required in the application for registration of the trailer or semitrailer. For those trailers registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4 on the effective date of the act adding this sentence that are being converted to the permanent trailer identification program, the identification card may contain only the name of the registrant, and the legal owner's name is not required to be shown. Upon transfer of those trailers, the identification card shall contain the name of the owner and legal owner, if any. When an identification certificate has been issued to a trailer or semitrailer, the owner or operator shall make that certificate available for inspection by a peace officer upon request.
- (d) The application for transfer of ownership of a vehicle with a trailer plate or permanent trailer identification plate shall be made within 10 days of sale of the vehicle. The permanent trailer identification certificate is not a certificate of ownership as described in Section 38076.
- SEC. 16. Section 5101 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 28.5 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 5101. Any person who is the registered owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer registered or certificated with the department, or who makes application for an original registration or renewal registration of that vehicle, may, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 5106 and those fees required by Sections 5022 to 5024, inclusive, apply to the

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department for environmental license plates, in the manner prescribed in Section 5105, which plates shall be affixed to the passenger vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer for which registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.

- SEC. 17. Section 5301 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 33 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 5301. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the registered owner or lessee of a fleet of vehicles consisting of commercial motor vehicles base plated in the state under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, or passenger automobiles may, upon payment of appropriate fees, apply to the department for license plates, permanent decals, and registration cards.
- (b) Fleets shall consist of at least 50 motor vehicles to qualify for this program. However, the department may provide for permanent fleet registration through an association providing a combination of fleets of motor vehicles of 250 or more vehicles with no individual fleet of fewer than 25 motor vehicles. An association submitting an application of participation in the program shall provide within the overall application a listing identifying the registered owner of each fleet and the motor vehicles within each fleet. Identification of the motor vehicles as provided in this article applies to the ownership of the motor vehicles and not the association submitting the application.
- (c) With the concurrence of both the department and the participant, the changes made in this section by the enactment of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001 shall not affect those participants who were lawfully participating in the permanent fleet registration program on December 31, 2001. Any fleet that qualifies for permanent fleet registration as of December 31, 2001, will continue to count trailers to qualify as a fleet until January 1, 2007. However, five years following the implementation of the permanent trailer identification program, all participants in the permanent fleet registration program shall meet the requirements of this section in order to continue enrollment in the program described in this section.
- SEC. 18. Section 5902 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 36 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 5902. Whenever any person has received as transferee a properly endorsed certificate of ownership, that person shall, within 10 days thereafter, forward the certificate with the proper transfer fee to the department and thereby make application for a transfer of registration. The certificate of ownership shall contain a space for the applicant's driver's license or identification card number, and the applicant shall furnish that number, if any, in the space provided.

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SEC. 19. Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 41 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read: 9250.7. (a) (1) A service authority established under Section 22710 may impose a service fee of one dollar (\$1) on all vehicles, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an owner with an address in the county that established the service authority. The fee shall be paid to the department at the time of registration, or renewal of registration, or when renewal becomes delinquent, except on vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees.

- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (b) The department, after deducting its administrative costs, shall transmit, at least quarterly, the net amount collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the Treasurer for deposit in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, which is hereby created. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the Controller for allocation to a service authority that has an approved abandoned vehicle abatement program pursuant to Section 22710, and for payment of the administrative costs of the Controller. After deduction of its administrative costs, the Controller shall allocate the money in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund to each service authority in proportion to the revenues received from the fee imposed by that authority pursuant to subdivision (a). If any funds received by a service authority pursuant to this section are not expended to abate abandoned vehicles pursuant to an approved abandoned vehicle abatement program within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year in which the funds were received and the amount of those funds exceeds the amount expended by the service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles in the previous fiscal year, a fee imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be suspended for one year, commencing the following January 1.
- (c) The fee imposed by a service authority shall remain in effect only for a period of 10 years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commenced.
- SEC. 19.5. Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 41 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read: 9250.7. (a) (1) A service authority established under Section 22710 may impose a service fee of one dollar (\$1) on all vehicles, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an

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owner with an address in the county that established the service authority. The fee shall be paid to the department at the time of registration, or renewal of registration, or when renewal becomes delinquent, except on vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees.

- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (b) The department, after deducting its administrative costs, shall transmit, at least quarterly, the net amount collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the Treasurer for deposit in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, which is hereby created. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the Controller for allocation to a service authority that has an approved abandoned vehicle abatement program pursuant to Section 22710, and for payment of the administrative costs of the Controller. After deduction of its administrative costs, the Controller shall allocate the money in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund to each service authority in proportion to the revenues received from the fee imposed by that authority pursuant to subdivision (a). If any funds received by a service authority pursuant to this section are not expended to abate abandoned vehicles pursuant to an approved abandoned vehicle abatement program that has been in existence for at least two full fiscal years within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year in which the funds were received and the amount of those funds exceeds the amount expended by the service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles in the previous fiscal year, a fee imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be suspended for one year, commencing on the July 1 following the Controller's determination pursuant to subdivision
- (c) Every service authority that imposes a fee authorized by subdivision (a) shall issue a fiscal yearend report to the Controller on or before October 31 of each year summarizing all of the following.
- (1) The total revenues received by the service authority for the previous fiscal year.
- (2) The total expenditures by the service authority for the previous fiscal year.
- (3) The total number of vehicles abated during the previous fiscal year.
  - (4) The average cost per abatement during the previous fiscal year.

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- (5) Any additional, unexpended fee revenues for the service authority for the previous fiscal year.
- (d) Each service authority that fails to submit the report required pursuant to subdivision (c) by November 30 of each year shall have the fee suspended for one year pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (e) On or before January 1, 2003, and on or before January 1 annually thereafter, the Controller shall review the fiscal yearend reports submitted by each service authority pursuant to subdivision (c) to determine if fee revenues are being utilized in a manner consistent with the service authority's program. If the Controller determines that the use of the fee revenues is not consistent with the service authority's program, or that an excess of fee revenues exists, as specified in subdivision (b), the authority to collect the fee shall be suspended for one year pursuant to subdivision (b). If the Controller determines that a service authority has not submitted a fiscal yearend report as required in subdivision (c), the authorization to collect the service fee shall be suspended for one year pursuant to subdivision (d). The Controller shall inform the Department of Motor Vehicles on or before January 1, 2003, and on or before January 1 annually thereafter, that the authority to collect the fee is suspended. A suspension shall only occur if the service authority has been in existence for at least two full fiscal years and the revenue fee surpluses are in excess of those allowed under this section or the fiscal yearend report has not been submitted.
- (f) On or before January 1, 2003, and on or before January 1 annually thereafter, the Controller shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a revenue and expenditure summary for each service authority established under Section 22710 that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
  - (1) The total revenues received by each service authority.
  - (2) The total expenditures by each service authority.
  - (3) The unexpended revenues for each service authority.
  - (4) The total number of vehicle abatements for each service authority.
- (5) The average cost per abatement as provided by each service authority to the Controller pursuant to subdivision (c).
- (g) The fee imposed by a service authority shall remain in effect only for a period of 10 years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commenced unless the fee is extended pursuant to this subdivision. The fee may be extended in increments of up to 10 years each if the board of supervisors of the county, by a two-thirds vote, and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county adopt resolutions providing for the extension of the fee.
- SEC. 20. Section 9250.8 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 42 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:

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- 9250.8. (a) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees.
- (b) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).
- SEC. 21. Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 43 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read: 9250.10. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, any additional fees imposed by a service authority for freeway emergencies pursuant to Section 2555 of the Streets and Highways Code shall be paid to the department at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration under this code in the subject counties, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees.
- (2) In addition to the additional fees imposed for freeway emergencies, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (b) After deducting its administrative costs, the department shall distribute the additional fees collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the authority in the county in which they were collected.
- SEC. 22. Section 9250.13 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 44 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read: 9250.13. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor

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vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).

- (b) The money realized pursuant to this section shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure to offset the costs of increasing the uniformed field strength of the Department of the California Highway Patrol beyond its 1994 staffing level and those costs associated with maintaining this new level of uniformed field strength and carrying out those duties specified in subdivision (a) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.
- SEC. 23. Section 9250.14 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 5.5 of Chapter 1064 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read: 9250.14. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs incurred by the department in carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the Controller.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money paid to the Controller is continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the administrative costs of the Controller, and for disbursement by the Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. In any county with a population of 250,000 or less, the money shall be expended exclusively for those vehicle theft crime programs and for the prosecution of crimes involving driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both, in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those crimes.

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- (d) No money collected pursuant to this section shall be expended to offset a reduction in any other source of funds, nor for any purpose not authorized under this section.
- (e) Any funds received by a county prior to January 1, 2000, pursuant to this section that are not expended to deter, investigate, or prosecute crimes pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be returned to the Controller, for deposit in the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. Those funds received by a county after January 1, 2000, shall be expended in accordance with this section.
- (f) Each county that has adopted or adopts a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a) shall submit, on or before the 13th day following the end of each quarter, a quarterly expenditure and activity report to the designated statewide Vehicle Theft Investigation and Apprehension Coordinator in the Department of the California Highway Patrol. The coordinator shall compile all county reports and prepare an annual report for dissemination to the Legislature and participating counties.
- (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 24. Section 9250.19 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 46 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 9250.19. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subdivision by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration, renewal, or supplemental application for apportioned registration pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4 of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs incurred by the department in carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the Controller.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (3) A resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include findings as to the purpose of, and the need for, imposing the additional registration fee, and shall identify the date after which the fee shall no longer be imposed.

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- (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money paid to the Controller pursuant to subdivision (a) is continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for disbursement by the Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county, or supplemental application for apportioned registration, and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the administrative costs of the Controller incurred under this section.
- (c) Money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 of the Penal Code or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those and other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.
- (d) The data from any program funded pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be made available by the local law enforcement agency to any local public agency that is required by law to obtain a criminal history background of persons as a condition of employment with that local public agency. A local law enforcement agency that provides the data may charge a fee to cover its actual costs in providing that data.
- (e) (1) No money collected pursuant to this section shall be used to offset a reduction in any other source of funds for the purposes authorized under this section.
- (2) Funds collected pursuant to this section, upon recommendation of local or regional Remote Access Network Boards to the Board of Supervisors, shall be used exclusively for the purchase, by competitive bidding procedures, and the operation of equipment which is compatible with the Department of Justice's Cal-ID master plan, as described in Section 11112.2 of the Penal Code, and the equipment shall interface in a manner that is in compliance with the requirement described in the Criminal Justice Information Services, Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification, prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and dated August 24, 1995.
- (f) The fee imposed under this section shall remain in effect only for a period of five years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commences, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that period.
  - SEC. 25. Section 9400 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9400. Except as provided in Section 9400.1, and in addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section

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for the registration of any commercial motor vehicle that operates with unladen weight. Weight fees for pickup trucks are calculated under this section. Whenever a camper is temporarily attached to a motor vehicle designed to transport property, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the fees imposed by this section. The camper shall be deemed to be a load, and fees imposed by this section upon the motor vehicle shall be based upon the unladen weight of the motor vehicle, exclusive of the camper.

(a) For any electric vehicle designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, fees shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Unladen Weight	Fee
Less than 6,000 lbs	\$ 87
6,000 lbs. or more but less than 10,000 lbs	266
10,000 lbs. or more	358

(b) For any motor vehicle having not more than two axles and designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, fees shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Unladen Weight	Fee
Less than 3,000 lbs	\$ 8
3,000 lbs. to and including 4,000 lbs	24
4,001 lbs. to and including 5,000 lbs	80
5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs	154
6,001 lbs. to and including 7,000 lbs	204
7,001 lbs. to and including 8,000 lbs	257
8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs	308
9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	360

(c) For any motor vehicle having three or more axles designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, fees shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Unladen Weight		Fee
2,000 lbs. to and including	3,000 lbs	\$ 43
3,001 lbs. to and including	4,000 lbs	77
4,001 lbs. to and including	5,000 lbs	154
5,001 lbs. to and including	6,000 lbs	231
6,001 lbs. to and including	7,000 lbs	308
7.001 lbs. to and including	8.000 lbs	385

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8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs	462
9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	539

- (d) This section is not applicable to any vehicle that is operated or moved over the highway exclusively for the purpose of historical exhibition or other similar noncommercial purpose.
- (e) The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) initial or original registration on or after January 1, 1995, and prior to December 31, 2001, of any commercial vehicle never before registered in this state and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial vehicle whose registration expires on or after January 1, 1995, and prior to December 31, 2001.
- (f) Commercial vehicles, other than those specified in Section 9400.1, with an initial registration or renewal of registration that is due on or after December 31, 2001, are subject to the payment of fees specified in this section.
  - SEC. 26. Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9400.1. (a) In addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of commercial motor vehicles operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. Pickup truck and electric vehicle weight fees are not calculated under this section.

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Act Range	Fee
10,001 lbs. to and including 15,000 lbs	\$ 257
15,001 lbs. to and including 20,000 lbs	353
20,001 lbs. to and including 26,000 lbs	435
26,001 lbs. to and including 30,000 lbs	552
30,001 lbs. to and including 35,000 lbs	648
35,001 lbs. to and including 40,000 lbs	761
40,001 lbs. to and including 45,000 lbs	837
45,001 lbs. to and including 50,000 lbs	948
50,001 lbs. to and including 54,999 lbs	1,039
55,000 lbs. to and including 60,000 lbs	1,173
60,001 lbs. to and including 65,000 lbs	1,282
65,001 lbs. to and including 70,000 lbs	1,398
70,001 lbs. to and including 75,000 lbs	1,650
75,001 lbs. to and including 80,000 lbs	1,700

(b) The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) initial or original registration on and after December 31, 2001, of any commercial

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motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more for which registration expires on or after December 31, 2001.

- (c) (1) In addition to the fees set forth in subdivision (a), a Cargo Theft Interdiction Program fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid at the time of initial or original registration or renewal of registration of each motor vehicle subject to weight fees under this section.
- (2) This subdivision does not apply to vehicles used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation or profit, pickup trucks, and tow trucks.
- (3) For vehicles registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, the fee imposed under this subdivision shall be apportioned as required for registration fees under that article.
- (4) Funds collected pursuant to the Cargo Theft Interdiction Program shall not be proportionately reduced for each month and shall be transferred to the Motor Carriers Safety Improvement Fund.
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 42270 or any other provision of law, of the moneys collected by the department under this section, eighty-two dollars (\$82) for each initial, original, and renewal registration shall be reported monthly to the Controller, and at the same time, deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. All other moneys collected by the department under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund. Eighty-two dollars (\$82) of the fee imposed under this section shall not be proportionately reduced for each month. For vehicles registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, the fee shall be apportioned as required for registration under that article.
- SEC. 26.5. Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read: 9400.1. (a) (1) In addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of commercial motor vehicles operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. Pickup truck and electric vehicle weight fees are not calculated under this section.
- (2) The weight of a vehicle issued an identification plate pursuant to an application under Section 5014, and the weight of an implement of husbandry as defined in Section 36000, shall not be considered when calculating, pursuant to this section, the declared gross vehicle weight of a towing commercial motor vehicle that is owned and operated exclusively by a farmer or an employee of a farmer in the conduct of agricultural operations.

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(3) Tow trucks that are utilized to render assistance to the motoring public or to tow or carry impounded vehicles shall pay fees in accordance with this section, except that the fee calculation shall be based only on the gross vehicle weight rating of the towing or carrying vehicle. Upon each initial or transfer application for registration of a tow truck described in this paragraph, the registered owner or lessee or that owner's or lessee's designee, shall certify to the department the gross vehicle weight rating of the tow truck.

Gross Vehicle Weight Range	Fee
10,001–15,000	\$ 257
15,001–20,000	353
20,001–26,000	435
26,001–30,000	552
30,001–35,000	648
35,001–40,000	761
40,001–45,000	837
45,001–50,000	948
50,001–54,999	1,039
55,000–60,000	1,173
60,001–65,000	1,282
65,001–70,000	1,398
70,001–75,000	1,650
75,001–80,000	1,700

- (b) The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) initial or original registration on and after December 31, 2001, of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more for which registration expires on or after December 31, 2001.
- (c) (1) In addition to the fees set forth in subdivision (a), a Cargo Theft Interdiction Program Fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid at the time of initial or original registration or renewal of registration of each motor vehicle subject to weight fees under this section.
- (2) This subdivision does not apply to vehicles used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation or profit, pickup trucks, and tow trucks.
- (3) For vehicles registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, the fee imposed under this subdivision shall be apportioned as required for registration fees under that article.

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- (4) Funds collected pursuant to the Cargo Theft Interdiction Program shall not be proportionately reduced for each month and shall be transferred to the Motor Carriers Safety Improvement Fund.
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 42270 or any other provision of law, of the moneys collected by the department under this section, eighty-two dollars (\$82) for each initial, original, and renewal registration shall be reported monthly to the Controller, and at the same time, deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. All other moneys collected by the department under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund. Eighty-two dollars (\$82) of the fee imposed under this section shall not be proportionately reduced for each month. For vehicles registered under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, the fee shall be apportioned as required for registration under that article.
  - SEC. 27. Section 9400.3 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- 9400.3. (a) In order to ensure that Chapter 973 of the Statutes of 2000 is implemented as originally intended by the Legislature, the department may not asses the Cargo Theft Interdiction Program fee upon any commercial motor vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight of less than 10,001 pounds.
- (b) The department shall issue refunds of, or credits for, any Cargo Theft Interdiction Program fee that is assessed upon a vehicle that does not meet the minimum weights described in Section 9400.1 or is a pickup truck or an electric vehicle.
  - SEC. 28. Section 9407 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9407. The fee required under Section 9400 and 9400.1 shall be reduced proportionately for each month which has elapsed since the expiration of the last issued registration certificate if either of the following applies:
- (a) Application for registration is made after the first month of any registration year and a certification was filed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4604.
- (b) Application for registration of a vehicle registered on a partial year basis is made after the first month following expiration and a certification was filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9706.
- SEC. 29. Section 9408 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 53 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended to read:
- 9408. (a) Whenever any registered commercial vehicle, including, but not limited to, any commercial vehicle operating in California with apportioned registration, for which fees have been paid under Section 9400 or 9400.1 is withdrawn from service in this state before the expiration of the registration, the owner may surrender the registration

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card and license plates previously issued for the vehicle to the department and, within 90 days of the time of withdrawal, make application for the registration of another commercial vehicle which is subject to the fees specified in Section 9400 or 9400.1. If the vehicle that is withdrawn from service is operating in this state under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050 of Chapter 4, credit for any unused fees paid under Section 9400 or 9400.1 may be applied only to a commercial vehicle concurrently added to the same apportioned fleet.

- (b) Under the circumstances described in subdivision (a), and upon a proper showing of the facts, the department upon determining the fees payable under this division shall allow as credit thereon the unexpired portion, as of the month of the application, of the fee paid under Section 9400 or 9400.1 for the previous registration, but, in addition to fees otherwise payable under this division less any credit, shall charge and collect an additional fee of two dollars (\$2) for issuance of the new registration.
  - SEC. 30. Section 9700 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9700. With respect to vehicles subject to additional registration fees under Section 9400 or 9400.1, a proportionate share of the additional fees may be paid for any partial period of one month or more, but less than 12 months, in an amount determined to be one-twelfth of the annual registration times the consecutive months, or fraction thereof, of the period of registration.
  - SEC. 31. Section 9706 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9706. (a) Application for partial year registration in conjunction with an application for original California registration shall be made by the owner within 20 days of the date the vehicle first becomes subject to California registration. Any application for partial year registration submitted after that 20-day period shall be denied registration for a partial year, and the vehicle shall be subject to payment of the fees for the entire registration year. In addition to the fee for the registration year, a penalty, as specified in Section 9554, shall be added to the fee for registration.
- (b) Any application to renew registration for a part of the remainder of the registration year or for the entire remainder of the registration year shall be made prior to midnight of the expiration date of the last issued registration certificate. Application shall be made upon presentation of the last issued registration card or of a potential registration issued by the department for use at the time of renewal and by payment of the required partial year fees, or, if renewal is for the remainder of the registration year, by payment of the annual fee required by Section 9400 or 9400.1, as reduced pursuant to Section 9407.

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- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an owner who registers a vehicle pursuant to this article during a calendar year shall, if the vehicle was not operated, moved, or left standing upon a highway, file a certificate of nonoperation prior to the date of the first operation of the vehicle on the highways in a manner which requires that registration and shall, by December 31 of each calendar year thereafter, file a certification pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 4604 when the vehicle is not registered for operation on the highways for the succeeding calendar year.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), the owner of any vehicle being moved or operated for the purpose of providing support to firefighting operations while the vehicle or owner is under contract to the United States Forestry Service, the United States Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or the Office of Emergency Services may obtain partial year registration if application is made within 20 days of the date the vehicle is first operated, moved, or left standing on the highway and the owner has obtained a letter of authorization from the department prior to the date that the vehicle is first operated, moved, or left standing on the highway.
- SEC. 32. Section 59 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000 is amended to read:
- Sec. 59. On or before July 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the Board of Equalization, and the commercial vehicle industry, shall review and report to the Legislature its findings and, if applicable, make any recommendation as to the necessary adjustments in the fee schedule, to ensure that revenue neutrality is obtained and maintained for all affected entities and funds, and to ensure that the revised fee schedule affects the commercial vehicle industry in as equitable a manner as possible.
- SEC. 33. Section 4 of this bill shall not become operative if SB 1182 is enacted and repeals Section 10753.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as amended by Section 160 of Chapter 427 of the Statutes of 1992, and as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000.
- SEC. 34. Section 6 of this bill shall not become operative if SB 1182 is enacted and repeals Section 10753.9 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 3 of Chapter 474 of the Statutes of 1991, and as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 861 of the Statutes of 2000.
- SEC. 35. Section 8.5 of this bill shall become operative only if SB 290 is enacted on or before January 1, 2002, and amends Section 9400.1

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of the Vehicle Code, in which case Section 8 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 36. Section 14.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code proposed by both this bill and SB 290. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, (2) each bill amends Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 290, in which case Section 14 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 37. Section 15.5 of this bill shall become operative only if SB 290 is enacted on or before January 1, 2002, and amends Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code, in which case Section 15 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 38. Section 19.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code proposed by both this bill and SB 106. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, (2) each bill amends Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 106, in which case Section 19 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 39. Section 26.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code proposed by both this bill and SB 290. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2002, (2) each bill amends Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 290, in which case Section 26 of this bill shall not become operative.